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July 6, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

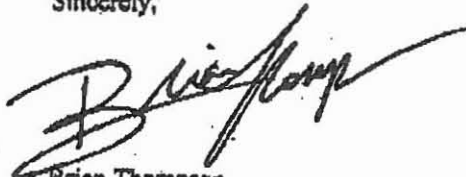
The Cross County Chamber of Commerce, Cross County Economic Development Corporation and Wynne Economic Development Corporation realize that technological advances in our rural area are crucial as we move forward in an ever changing economy.

The proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will provide opportunities to citizens in our rural county of less than 18,000 that had previously not existed. Most notably, 4G LTE coverage would be extended to more residents in our area and our agricultural community would benefit from the resulting technology, using the advances to allow farmers to be more efficient and effective in their operations.

Better broadband access would allow our businesses and industries to attract attention from a global economy, establishing potential opportunities that would likely lead to the creation of new jobs and retention of existing jobs.

Our organizations strongly believe that this merger would create all of these previously mentioned growth initiatives and additional advances in fields such as workforce development, education and healthcare. We want to fully express our support of this merger for the improvement of our region and the state of Arkansas.

Sincerely,



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